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## Presentation Wexford

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Presentation Wexford and Scoil Mhuire Carrick on suir share Thrilling Draw in Allianz Mary Moran Cup Final

The Allianz Mary Moran Cup Senior B final between Presentation Wexford and Scoil Mhuire Carrick-on-Suir ended in dramatic fashion, with both sides finishing level and forcing a replay after an exciting contest in SETU Carlow.

Final Score:

Presentation Wexford 0-13

Scoil Mhuire Carrick-on-Suir 3-4



The two sides produced moments of real quality over the hour, with Emily Cooney and Emma McCarthy leading the way in attack, but there were strong performances all over the field as neither team was willing to give an inch. Scoil Mhuire made the brighter start and opened their account with a point in the 10th minute. The early exchanges were tight, with both defences working hard and limiting clear goal chances. Cooney soon showed her threat, picking off two points before the 20-minute mark to settle her side.

However, Presentation responded well. Mekdes Harte and McCarthy who would go on to play a significant role helped push their side three points in front as the game moved towards half-time. Their ability to find space and take their scores under pressure gave Presentation momentum at a key stage.

Just when it looked like Presentation might take full control, Scoil Mhuire struck for a crucial goal. Cooney finished a well-worked move involving Sarah Connolly and Ruby Morris, sending the ball to the net and swinging the mood of the game. It was a sharp, confident finish and underlined her importance to the team.

Still, Presentation was not rattled. McCarthy converted a 45 to ensure her side went in at the break with a narrow one-point lead. It was a fair reflection of a half that had been competitive and evenly matched throughout.

The second half continued in the same spirit. Cooney once again found the net in the 36th minute, grabbing her second goal of the game and putting Scoil Mhuire back in front. She showed great composure in front of goal, making the most of the chance when it came.

But McCarthy was equally impressive at the other end. She kept the scoreboard ticking over with three well-taken frees, showing calmness and accuracy under pressure. Her overall tally of eight points, four from frees, proved vital in keeping Presentation in touch.

As the clock ticked down, the intensity only increased. Moya Egan and substitute Amy Power traded points during a tense closing spell, with every score loudly cheered from the sidelines. The energy from both benches added to the atmosphere as the game edged towards a dramatic conclusion.

Grace Farrell then delivered what looked like the decisive moment. She finished clinically to the net, putting Carrick two points ahead and giving Scoil Mhuire real hope of sealing victory. It was a well-taken goal at a crucial time.

Yet Presentation refused to back down. Top scorer McCarthy stepped up once more, and substitute Róisín Doyle also made a major impact after coming off the bench. Their late scores brought the sides level again, ensuring that nothing could separate them by the final whistle.

Cooney finished with an impressive 2-2 (plus a free), while Grace Farrell added 1-0 and both Eimear O'Shea and Moya Egan chipped in with a point each for Scoil Mhuire. For Presentation, McCarthy's 0-8 was the standout return, supported by points from Isabel Canning, Clodagh Byrne, Mekdes Harte, Amy Power and Doyle. In truth, the result was hard to argue with. McCarthy and Cooney were the cutting edge for their respective teams, but there were strong displays in defence too, where several players stood tall at important stages.

Speaking after the match one of the presentation girls who played a key role in today's match Mekdes Harte said "I Thought the match went great we had some really good moments and I thought we were better for most of it. We were unlucky for the goals. Harte also said that the team will "most likely up their work rate and try to concede less goals in the replay"

Key Performers

Emma McCarthy was outstanding for Presentation, finishing with 0-8, including four frees and a 45. She was supported by Isabella Canning, Clodagh Byrne, Mekdes Harte, Amy Power and Róisín Doyle, who all contributed important scores.

For Scoil Mhuire, Emily Cooney led the charge with 2-2 (including a free), while Grace Farrell scored 1-0. Emma O'Shea and Moya Egan also added points in a strong team performance

This was a fiercely competitive and entertaining final, with both sides showing resilience and quality throughout. With nothing separating them at the final whistle, a replay now awaits — and if it is anything like this encounter, supporters can expect another thrilling battle.

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